

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

A TRIBUTE TO CHRISTINE RENEE RANDALL

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 18, 2003

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Christine Renee Randall in recognition of her commitment to helping community members gain new workplace opportunities.

Christine was born and raised in Brooklyn, New York. She is the daughter of two educators, the late Julius T. Randall, Jr., formerly a Director of Cooperative Education, and Ann Knight Randall, an Associate Professor of Library and Information Sciences at Pratt Institute.

She holds a Bachelor of Arts from Howard University, with a major in French and a minor in Public Relations, and received a Master of Business Administration from Hofstra University.

In 2002, Christine joined the Bedford Stuyvesant Restoration Corporation as the Director of the RITE Center, a community technology center in Brooklyn. The Center provides free and low cost technology training for a broad range of community residents, including adolescents, entrepreneurs, and senior citizens. Its goal is to help clients utilize computer technology for job preparation, entrepreneurship training, research, and communications.

Christine believes that 21st Century technology offers incredible workplace opportunities for community residents. She firmly holds that everyone has the potential to learn these new skills. Christine's expertise in marketing and public relations has already yielded fantastic results for the Center. Through new partnerships and outreach activities, she has helped the Center double its attendance in the past year. This accomplishment has already earned recognition and additional support for the RITE Center and the Greater Harlem Real Estate Board Development Fund.

Previously, Christine worked for the Draft Worldwide Advertising Agency and Madison Square Garden. Additionally, she founded Constant Interaction, a marketing consulting firm. She is a member of the Direct Marketing Association, African Americans in Advertising, and the Howard University Alumni Association.

Christine worships at St. Paul's Community Baptist Church and Concord Baptist Church where her family has long established ties.

Mr. Speaker, Christine Renee Randall is dedicated to her community. As such, she is more than worthy of receiving our recognition today and I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring this truly remarkable woman.

HONORING MARY CAMERON

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

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Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mary Cameron on the occasion of her being selected as a recipient for the 2002 Common Threads Award. Common Threads is a joint venture of the Agricultural Education Foundation, California State University, Fresno's College of Agricultural Sciences and Technology, and AG ONE Foundation. The award is given to women who have made a remarkable and visible contribution to the enhancement of their communities with their time and/or contributions. Honorees must live in Fresno, Kings, Madera, Merced, or Tulare County. They should have past or present roots in agriculture while showing outstanding involvement in a variety of community activities in addition to agriculture. The honorees make a difference with their philanthropic giving while serving as visible and credible role models for other women.

Since 1965, Mary has been involved in hands-on management of the family's Atsma Cameron Dairy. Ms. Cameron was the first woman to serve on the boards of directors for Danish Creamery and Western United Dairymen. Mary's involvement in the community and her fascination in the field of agriculture have sparked the interest of many school children of Kings County during their visits to her dairy. She remains active in dairy and milk promotion and as an advocate for children's nutrition and agriculture awareness.

Mary is active in children's activities, agriculture education, and industry organizations. She has served as a President of the Elliott Elementary P.T.A. and the Kings County Dairymen, as well as Director for the Danish Creamery, National Dairy Board, and Dairy Management, Inc. Ms. Cameron was also the 4-H Dairy Leader from 1970-1973. She was named Kings County Dairymen of the Year in 2000 and Agriculturist of the Year in 2001. Mary Cameron is truly an inspiration and role model for many people in agriculture today.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to honor Mary Cameron for her exceptional service to the public and her dedication to the California dairy industry. I urge my colleagues to join me in wishing Mary many years of continued success.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING THOMAS E. LOUIS

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

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Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, Whereas, Thomas E. Louis has exemplified leadership for the International Union of Operating Engineers, Local Union 18; and

Whereas, Thomas E. Louis has demonstrated a steadfast commitment to meet challenges with enthusiasm, confidence and outstanding service; and

Whereas, Thomas E. Louis has been a dedicated and loyal spokesman for the International Union of Operating Engineers, as a legislative Representative and as appointed by the Governor of Ohio to the State Construction Compliance Council; and

Whereas, Thomas E. Louis is to be commended for his hard work and dedication to the International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 18, serving in many capacities including on the Advisory Board, on the Executive Board, and serving as President; and

Whereas, Thomas E. Louis has long been a dedicated family man. His personal sacrifices of time and energy to family, friends and community are characteristic of a fine gentleman;

Therefore, I join with the many friends and relatives, as well as all the residents of the entire 18th Congressional District, in honoring Thomas E. Louis as he retires after 39 years of service to the people of the International Union of Operating Engineers, Local Union 18.

INTRODUCTION OF THE COLLEGE AFFORDABILITY AND LIFETIME SAVINGS ACT

HON. GEORGE MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to submit, with sixty-three of my colleagues in the House, the College Affordability and Lifetime Savings Act.

According to the Department of Education, more than 7 million students will take out a Federal student loan this year to help finance their college education. As tuition costs swell and grant-aid fails to keep pace, students and their families are increasingly turning to loans as the primary mechanism to finance a higher education. While student loans make the college dream a reality for millions, they all too often turn into a nightmare of debt.

Over the past eight years the typical student loan debt has almost doubled to \$16,928. In addition, 39 percent of all student borrowers now graduate with unmanageable debt levels. Too many student borrowers struggle to make their monthly loan payments, and many must forgo savings, public service careers, and major purchases.

Borrowing for higher education should be a sound investment for the future, both for the student, and society. Yet, today we are asking far too many students to mortgage their future at too high a cost.

Unfortunately, President Bush and the Republican leadership in Congress have ignored the pleas from millions of Americans to make student aid funding a priority. Instead, just at the time when students and their families need help the most to make ends meet, President

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